

The discovery of gold is reported in the Lebanon Valley, Pennsylvania. The Keystone state is rich in many kinds of mineral, but it has never been supposed to have any auriferous deposits.

The general talk in Springfield is that "Rook of Cook is crook." It is reported that he was paid \$700 by the Democrats, and that after they got him dead drunk they robbed him of the money.

The Democratic Mayor of Minneapolis, has vetoed the ordinance fixing saloon license at \$1500. He is evidently one of the two-glasses-for-a-nickel sort, like some of his party in this neck of the woods.

Reports from the smaller towns in Ohio indicate that large proportions of the saloons are closing on account of the Scott law, which has just gone into effect. Liquor Leagues wherever organized have held meetings, but keep the proceedings secret.

Commenting upon a recent banquet in Chicago, the Democratic Cincinnati Enquirer says: "After-dinner speeches made by statesmen who hang to the back of their chairs for support neither create public opinion nor make votes."

It begins to look as though the Sago of Cipher Alley had determined to enter as one of the contestants for the presidential nomination of next year. He has begun to inform the country by telegraph that he was never in better health in his life—which looks decidedly ominous. Whenever we see evidences of the reorganization of the Literary Bureau we will believe that the "bar" is to be opened, which will start such a Tilden boom among the bosses as will drive every other candidate from the field.

The most amazing handiwork of Providence is the average petit juror. One of the twelve who tried and acquitted Scheller, accused of setting fire to the Newhall House, says: "On the first ballot there were ten for acquittal and two for conviction. I was one of the two. About a dozen ballots were taken, the vote finally standing eleven to one, I being the obstinate one. Finally we all agreed. I was sure from the conclusion of the testimony that Scheller was innocent, and intended all the while to finally vote for acquittal. It is past my comprehension how the grand jury could have indicted Scheller on such evidence." It is past comprehension how this juror could go on voting time and again for conviction while all the time he was convinced of the prisoner's innocence. But reason as well as law must be silent when juries are contemplated.

The New York Tribune closes an elaborate article on Mayor Harrison's recent speech before the Iroquois Club in these words:

Said Carter Harrison in effect: "We believe in free trade, and the people don't. But we want the offices more than we believe in free trade, and to get them we must pretend to be in favor of protection, or at least in incidental protection." Seldom does a Democratic assemblage, even at 2 o'clock in the morning, listen to such frank discourse. Carter Harrison is right. The Democratic party, if it would succeed in the next election, must deceive the people as to its real purposes. That is its only way. And that is what it undoubtedly will do or try to do when the time comes.

There are doubtless more dead beats and swindlers in Washington than in any other city of its size on the face of the earth. The Washington fraud is peculiar of his kind, a law unto himself. He seeks the capital because of its special advantages for his special variety of dead-beat. Very often, too, he goes there tolerably honest and industrious, but finding himself stranded and out of employment the weak elements of his nature come to the surface, and he sets his wits to work to get loans that he knows he can never pay. He gets into the habit of eternal credit, and never gets out of it, to the sorrow of his creditors. Then there is the government dead-beat forever hanging on the fellow of the wheels of government trying to get a loan on some office or other. One of the worst Washington dead-beats is he who does his dead-beating on a good inherited name. The more honored and well-known the name the easier the game. Rich fathers get tired of idle sons, and refuse to pay their drafts even at the risk of causing a friend embarrassment. Make-believe newspaper correspondents are much feared dead-beats in Washington. If all the money owed by dead-beats in that city were applied to the payment of the National debt, Columbia and Uncle Sam would be square with the world in short meter.

The New Nickel. Fleury, the French chef, has secured a quantity of the so-called much-looked-for new nickel, and will present every purchaser with the amount of one dollar or over with each article. In Chicago they pay as high as 25 cents a piece for them. Call early, as the quantity is limited.

BUTLER AT CHARLESTON.
Tells How He Foresees War when the Democratic Convention Split.

Speech at Reunion of Sixth Massachusetts.

To one at all versed in political history it was apparent that unless some special interposition of Providence came the growing dissensions of the North and South must lead to war. It was a significant event when two organizations which had long formed, as it were, connecting bands between the North and South were rent asunder—the Methodist Episcopal church and the Democratic party—the northern and southern portions of each being unable to agree. When the Democratic party was severed at Charleston there could be no doubt of the result.

After the convention divided I was at the Mill house at Charleston, smoking with some Southern friends. With Yankee curiosity I was looking up to note the construction of the building. Gov. Berry, of South Carolina, slapped me on the shoulder and said: "What are you looking at? Are you going to set up in the hotel business?" I replied: "I have been looking at the building to see how many soldiers it would quarter." While crossing a creek with Judge Shepley, a delegate from Maine he said to me: "I think the next time we cross the Potomac it will be with muskets on our shoulders."

The Democratic party failed to unite at Baltimore.

A committee of fifteen from the Breckinridge branch of the party was chosen to take

measures for future reorganization;

and of this commission I was one.

I found there the delegates of South

Carolina bearing the ordinance of

secession. I found that they had no

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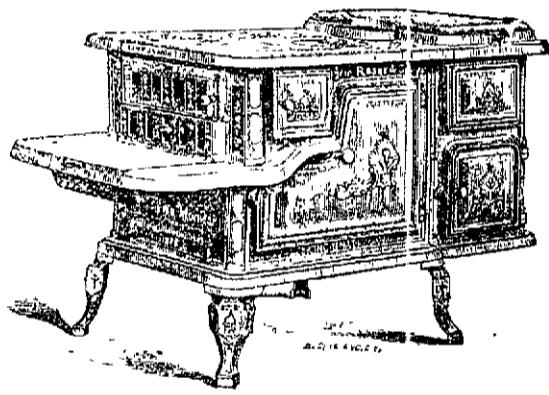
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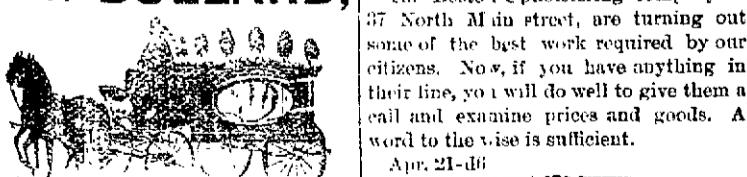
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I pay cash for household goods of all kinds.

G. P. HART, upholsterer.

April 8th

The Daily Republican.

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One year, in advance, 87.50
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THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 25, 1883.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Walk in and see the Novelty Baby Carriages at

E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & CO.'S.

My residence, corner of North Main and King streets, is for sale. Possession could be given in 60 days from date of sale.

Wm. J. QUINNAN.

March 1-d&w

WELCOME, Odd-Fellows!

The U. B. prayer meeting was quite interesting last night.

The German fair will close at the tabernacle to-night.

SOCIAL CLUB finale party at the St. Nicholas Hotel next Thursday night.

FERGUSON & DILLEHUNT will deliver gasoline in five gallon lots.

STRAWBERRIES, ripened in Mississippi, are selling in Decatur at 40 cents a box.

There were about 300 people in attendance at the First M. E. prayer meeting last evening.

A NUMBER of the visiting Odd Fellows took occasion to call at the Stein. The Factory.

ANOTHER invoice of Wilson Bros. Painting Shirts just received at John Irwin's White Front, P. O. block.

A LOCAL preacher from Dalton City officiated at the burial of Mrs. James Troutman, yesterday, at the Wyke graveyard.

Buy your gasoline at Ferguson & Dillehunt, No. 13 Water St.

The Receiver of the Illinois Midland railroad has been ordered to pay to the treasurer of McHenry county \$1,857.03, amount due the county for back taxes.

RATHER than clean house many families prefer to move. They say it's cheaper.

First vegetables on sale every day at Strokey Penwell's, in opera block. Call there and get supplies for your table.

DAVID MARTIN is putting down one of his composition stone walks around the Dr. Watson residence. He lately built a figure stone walk in front of the premises of Ald. Schroll, on Union street.

The H. C. Lintner new close carriage is now owned by Caldwell Bros., making three fine equipages at that first-class stable.

April 23-d&w

There should be a big take of seats for the opera house Monday night. The comedy is universally acknowledged to be the best, made so by the funniness of Baker and Farren who never fail to attract crowded houses in the larger cities.

R. S. GORDON, Mr. Carnes, Jr., says:

"I have never heard a customer say that Brown's Iron Bitters does not do all claimed for it."

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The weekly REPUBLICAN, containing the delinquent tax list--12 columns of figures was issued this morning. The issue numbers 12 pages, and contains more than the usual amount of fresh local matter.

SECURE family groceries at Kiederny's store on the Monud. The proprietor is now on duty, as the revival has closed.

REMEMBER J. W. Tyler when you want a substantial and stylish set of driving harness--cheap.

In the hall in Commercial Block occupied as a meeting place by the Knights of Labor and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, there are 34 handsome pictures displayed on the walls. Some of them are quite large.

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